

SENATE RESOLUTION 1

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Donnie Carlyle Lewis of Cumberland City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-four years Dr. Donnie Lewis served with acumen and alacrity as a Houston County commissioner, in which position he earned the respect of the citizens of the county for the commendable quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he also worked as Chief Optometrist at his local LensCrafters franchises; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis' success started many years ago when he graduated as valedictorian of his class at Austin Peay State University; he went on to earn his Doctor of Optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry as well as a Master's degree in Public Health and a Doctorate degree in Epidemiology from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working as both an optometrist and a county commissioner, Dr. Lewis donated his time to other causes and organizations such as the Erin Rotary Club, Jaycees, the Luxottica Foundation, and OneSight; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud parent of Steven Lewis, Lauren Mitchell, and Lindsey Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis will also be sorely missed by his three grandchildren: Ansley, Haley, and Brody, along with a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dr. Donnie Carlyle Lewis, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Lewis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.